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1. FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT IN COMMONS JUNE 2, TEXT OF WHICH
REPORTED REFTEL, A NUMBER OF OPPOSITION MEMBERS MADE STATE-
MENTS AND QUESTIONED EXTAFF MINISTER JAMIESON ON CIRCUM-
STANCES SURROUNDING AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE CANADIAN DECI-
SION NOT TO IMPLEMENT THE 1978 INTERIM RECIPROCAL FISHERIES
AGREEMENT. OPPOSITION WAS CLEARLY HAMPERED BY NOT HAVING
RECEIVED COPY OF JAMIESON'S STATEMENT UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE
IT WAS READ OUT BY THE MINISTER.

2. PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE FISHERIES CRITIC LLOYD CROUSE
(SOUTH SHORE, NOVA SCOTIA), AFTER REVIEWING DEVELOPMENTS
WHICH LEAD TO BREAKDOWN ON WEST COAST, SAID DOOR WAS NOW
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WIDE OPEN TO FURTHER PROBLEMS ON EAST COAST, ALLEGING
DRAMATIC INCREASES IN U.S. COD AND HADDOCK CATCHES THERE.
CROUSE SAID U.S. HAD FAILED TO ABIDE BY IPA QUOTAS AND
ASKED WHY GOVERNMENT HAD NOT TAKEN THESE CONCERNS UP
EARLIER WITH THE U.S. NOTING THAT U.S. BUYS 70 PERCENT
OF CANADA'S FISH CATCH AND IS CANADA'S BEST CUSTOMER,
CROUSE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT A SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEM

FOR MARITIME CANADA MAY RESULT. HE CONCLUDED THAT CANADIAN FISHERMEN WERE NOW BEING HURT BY PROCRASTINATING POLICY OF GOVERNMENT.

3. NDP LEADER ED BROADBENT ADMONISHED GOVERNMENT NOT TO IMPLEMENT RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE U.S., SINCE U.S. SIDE CANNOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL CONGRESS ACTS. BROADBENT HOPED U.S. AND CANADA WOULD BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT EVENTUALLY THAT WOULD BENEFIT FISHERMEN ON BOTH SIDES.

4. IN RESPONSE TO A NUMBER OF INTERVENTIONS, JAMIESON EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TERMS "COD WAR" OR "FISH WAR" WOULD NOT BE EMPLOYED AND THAT A CONFRONTATION WOULD NOT DEVELOP. JAMIESON SAID HE HAD SPENT A GREAT AMOUNT OF TIME ON THIS ISSUE IN WASHINGTON WITH SECRETARY VANCE AND HAD EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT TRY TO ESCALATE OR INFLAME THE SITUATION. THE PROBLEM ESSENTIALLY WAS A MATTER OF INTERPRETATION AND WOULD NOT BE ALTERED BY APPROVAL OF THIS INTERIM AGREEMENT BY CONGRESS. JAMIESON EXPRESSED THE HOPE OF GETTING A PERMANENT AGREEMENT IN PLACE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AMBASSADOR CADIEUX HAD BEEN ASKED TO ACCELERATE HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH HIS COUNTERPART AMBASSADOR CUTLER. IN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE MONTHS THEY WOULD TRY TO IDENTIFY MAXIMUM AREAS OF AGREEMENT SO THAT A DECISION COULD BE MADE AS TO WHETHER TO GO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR A PACKAGE AGREEMENT ON THESE ITEMS WITH SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION ON THE REMAINING DIFFICULT QUESTIONS.

5. COMMENT: IN COMMONS OPPOSITION WAS PLACED ON THE DIFFICULT POSITION OF TRYING TO ATTACK THE GOVERNMENT FOR MISMANAGEMENT OF THE U.S./CANADA FISHERIES ISSUE WITHOUT, HOWEVER, TAKING EXCEPTION TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION. DUEMLING

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